SOCIAL CODE AND LAW

By THE ARBITER.

NOTE—The Arbiter will be glad to answer any questions of a social nature that may be submitted. Such questions should be addressed to the Arbiter, care The Washington Herald.

The word Christmas carries with it pity this festival should not mean in that its name implies. But we have little erally perfunctory and is passed over with as much ostentation, as much noise and eclat, and as quickly as possible, leavgift giving has become so commercial that it is time for a renalssance, a return to the habits, customs, traditions of our fathers-not the Puritans, just Fate forbid, but to the Christmas of the jolly cavaliers when there were days of feastthe boar's head in its wreath of holly, and the giant plum pudding in its sea of burning rum were the real things, and

The Christmas dinner is, as it should be, a family affair. On that day of days the whole clan should gather at the home of ties are apt to be, prove dull, let every one go clothed in his most frolicksome mood, especially holiday and are never offered fruit. And such a havoc as follows! at other times.

It was one of the mightiest of the New certain kind of cake, which his mother eyes, and he confessed that once, overmuch keener appetite than if he had been able to obtain it at will. But no matter what else is served, how much or how little, the piece de resistance of the Christmas dinner in every American household, where there is money enough to pay for it or a Scrooge to provide, is the big gobbler, "twice the size of Tiny Tim," the erstwhile conqueror of the more befitting grace than that of Tiny with Scrooge through

The Christmas dinner is inevitable, but one can choose the other entertainments brush has been secured, the paper route followed or the anise seed "fought to a finish" for luncheon, brave and gay in their pink coats and the pink cheeks that such exercise gives. No rule can be given for this informal meal, the whole charm of which lies in its lack of ceremony. The big bowl of eggnogg, the burning punch, and all of the season's delicacies are served, and much boasting, much good-natured badinage, and much smoking are indulged in, and the session is as a rule prolonged until there is barely I cannot give the date. time to dress for dinner, and-here

there should be no dearth of mistletoe. from the chandeliers, the side brackets, foreigners, but I dare say some of the ments have suffered most from and what hostess arranges for her guests. The tra- you with candy and flowers and take you some of the army appointees from civil tired of paying ten dollars to the monopo the unpleasant, things in its history. if they do talk banalities-by the way, I know nothing, save it is a good story

should be the first concern of a hostess, lar with our grandfathers and great- the young diplomatists. Put you happily revived at the White House a bait a foreigner for you. few seasons back. There is no greater fun than a contra dance-why, by the way, is this so often written country dance, for which spelling there is no authority?--when entered into with the proper spirit, for it gives no end of opportunity for fun and flirtation and permits the participation of the youngest guest to the eldest. Is there a pleasanter sight than that of a belle of the last generation dancing with a beau of her own time, together with her daughters, grandgreat-granddaughters, haps? "You dance beautifully, my dear, said a gentleman of the old school, who passed his prime in the early '60's, "but your grandmother still dances better than you do." It was as pretty a compliment case he might be asked for. to the girl as well as to the grandmother, and she is more than passing proud of "granny's" dancing. But no one can dance a contra dance with just the right recognized him?

5. Question—Is it ever permissible for a gentleman to salute a lady on the street before she has recognized him?

The decorations and dancing cards dis-The word Christmas carries with it such import of good cheer that it is a posed of, the question of supper is next to be solved. What to serve that will this hurrying, bustling world of ours all appeal to the jaded appetites of Christmas feasters. But few appetites really time for holidays in these United States, where the popular shibboleth is "Get rich quick." They occur in the calendar, aimost anything is acceptable. The supper should be more or less of a formal begin with cups of hot, nourishing bouil- one can get along with in Washington and and cclat, and as quickly as possible, leaving a sense of surfeit and nothing else. The worship of the golden calf at these periods is more pronounced than ever. This is especially true of Christmas, when ices, as varied and fantastic as possible. have a handsome tailor-made street frock Let the music rest while supper is being in some dark shade. No one should affect served, and cover its absence with abun- light shades who has not a number of dant laughter. The ball must finish with changes. The hat to match this suit may a rousing dance, and the company dis- be as plain or as ornate as your style perse in that "darkest hour" just before and taste suggest, but it must have good dawn. Give such a ball, and be prepared ing and merriment, which included both to receive in the coming spring more or these above and those below the salt, and less wedding cards as its direct conse- gloves are no longer regarded as necesquence.

not the imitations that are set before us tree should not be lost sight of. This French hand-made ones are to be prenowadays. In a word, let Christmas be bedecked evergreen is manifestly for the ferred to any other. Fure, which you, gay and nothing left undone that will go children, but the grown-ups get quite as doubtless, already possess, should comto make it so. Leave the latch string much enjoyment out of its preparation as plete this costume, which can be termed ment with courage, and find in it a I do not believe in the efficacy of public out, keep the bowl brimming, make the do their juniors in denuding it of its a dress of general utility since it can be blessing! hand clasp warm, and let it no longer be fruit. The proper time for the unveiling worn to almost any day function, for callopened to the throng of expectant little mings. But to save your "general utility its chief, and lest the party, as such part them in all its promise and glory. Ger made suit for shopping and rainy days. his quiver full of darts, his sack of good thanks to their parents, or to recite apstories, and let him ride his Pegasus hard propriate poems, and they do the "stunts" for the entertainment of the company. expected of them under its very shine but the most economical gowns are of for his own mishap cry-At a Christmas dinner there should be with ease and dignity, and no show of lace made over silk or satin. These frocks no new dishes, nothing should be served the eagerness and excitement that must made with two waists, a high one and a that is not a tradition in the clan, the possess them. The self-control of little low one, will serve the purpose of four recipe for which originated with some Americans is not put to such a test, and gowns, for a dressy, high-necked waist epicurean ancestor, and there should be they are allowed to fall at once upon will convert the ball tollet into aftersome dainties that are reserved for this the bounteous tree and its substantial

York multi-millionaires who admitted that some amiable older brother or uncle along with two evening dresses you can that he could hardly wait from one is generally willing to play, and if he has easily do so, but you should have as well Christmas until the next, for at that season only, he had of children on the cult vive for a party light silk or wool, made in such a manof children on the qui vive for an hour ner that they can be worn at small af-or so, but the moment their interest be- fairs in the evening. I do not speak of had made with her own hands from the gins to flag he should disappear, not to the small things that should go into your return for a year. As early an hour as wardrobe, because every girl knows best which brought tears of longing to his possible should be set for the lighting of what she wants, and what she can afford eyes, and he confessed that once, overcome by his craving appetite, he had wired his mother in April to send him one of those famous cakes. His mother was a Quaker, and her answer was to the point and characteristic: "Thee shall have the cake at Christmas time." And suggest, but it is bad taste to give any-court fings you should have at least three hats, two stout pairs of high walk-ing shoes, black and white dancing slip-pers, and abundance of fresh gloves. What I have jotted down for you is the least you can get through a season with, if you go out to any extent, but in buying your things you should have at least three hats, two stout pairs of high walk-ing shoes, black and white dancing slip-pers, and abundance of fresh gloves. What I have jotted down for you is the least you can get through a season with, if you go out to any extent, but in buying your things you should have at least three hats, two stout pairs of high walk-ing shoes, black and white dancing slip-pers, and abundance of fresh gloves. he waited till Christmas time for the covered sweet, when he enjoyed it with a thing very elaborate or very expensive or in anyway to put a child's family under obligations it might be unwilling to voluntarily assume. The fancy bag or box of candy is a safe and always ac-ceptable present, and many hostesses have cut the Gordian knot of this difficulty by providing those for their little guests and nothing else, which does away with a lot of bother and gives rise to no tealousy.

A good preparation for the Christmas barnyard and a conqueror still, if only celebration is not only to read the story matter how old a friend he may be or of appetites, in death; and there is no of the Christ child's nativity, but to go must make it by helping the suffering, subject of perennial discussion in Amerilowing paper, or for any other available by carrying sunlight into dark places, and ca, but the discussions have no purpose excuse. These hunts are generally arranged for the morning, the start is made from one of the country clubs to which heart will laugh with joy, and what more needed the chaperon will continue to expense one is and come to nothing. The is needed the chaperon will continue to expense one is and come to nothing.

> following lines, that I chanced days ago:
> "Who comes to make a formal call,

Merely to criticise us all, When severed by the party wall? My neighbor!"

Answer-No. It is, as you doubtless know, a parody on a child's poem called "My Mother," which was popular some to thirty or forty years back. The verse you quote, together with some other verses. I remember seeing in Punch, but

dition regarding the mistletoe bough is to the theater and opera might come to life are given a set of typewritten social older than Bayley's grewsome tale of your aid if you would as frankly confess rules for their guidance, but I cannot into the Federal Treasury. "Lady Lovel," oider than the story of to them as you have to me the serious speak with authority on the subject. As "Ginevra," and it has happily remained reasons for wanting to "break in" to the a military position or turned down be associated with the pleasant, rather than diplomatic corps, for American men, even cause of his behavior at dinner table I Long may it flourish, to give courage to have often heard that they tactfully, and one that I have frequently heard. I the bashful swain, excuse to the willing after the fashion of Americans, suit their speech to their audience-are widely try bumpkin was helpful to you, and practical escape from riding on the trol-The decorations for her Christmas ball known for their gallantry, and some of shall be happy to answer any questions the spendthrifts whom you so seriously the programme for dancing the next; this disapprove of might be prevailed upon to should include the contra dances, popu- act as an intermediary between you and grandfathers, which the President so ardent admirer to the test and get him to

> 3. Question-Will you kindly tell me why Christ-mas is called "the day of new clothes?" Answer-From a custom that formerly prevailed in France of giving all those who belonged to the court new clothes on

> 4. Question—Is it still the fashion, as it was in my callow days, for the host and hostess to receive together? I am sending out invitations to a large reception, and any light you can give me on this point will be much appreciated by a RIP VAN WINKLE.

Answer-No; it is no longer the custom case he might be asked for.

Answer-If the man and woman con- is the most unreasonable. abandon except to the tune of a fiddle,

cerned are very old friends, yes; if they are mere acquaintances, no.

6. Question-I intend spending the winter in Washington. As I have many friends here I expect to go out quite a little. Will you please give my position should contain? I come from a little provincial New England town, and this will be my first experience in a large city. I am twenty-four, neither rich nor poor, neither pretty nor ugly. Anything that is really necessary I can afford, but I have other uses for my money than buying clothes, and I have no ambition to be regarded as smartly dress d. Will you also tell my if it is necessary for a young woman of my age to be always chaprenned. This business of a chapron comes rather hard to one who has handled her own money for fire years and has been her own mistress in every way. I realize that it is quite different here, where I am a comparative stranger, than it is at home, where every one knows me and has known me since childhood.

Answer-In reply to your first question,

lines and be harmonious in color. White speeches of welcome to their guests, of contain a black and a white ball gown. These can be made from any material you may elect, and there was never such noon gowns, which can be worn when you are asked to receive at teas, on your own day at home, to small dinners, and to the For a Christmas tree party there should always be a "real" Santa Claus, a part cafe. If it is necesary for you to get

As to a chaperon, "When in Rome, you know, "do as the Romans do." It s better to remain on the safe side and keep the letter of the law. It would be inadvisable, for instance, to go alone how much faith you have in him, not arious experi- because it is fundan ences, and to come out of them as he did, because the custom is not acceptable softened and inspired with the knowledge here, as it probably is in your own home; of how "to keep Christmas well;" but no but social rules are made to meet the ist; if she is not needed she will die a natural death.

you will be among a bevy of the richest,

prettiest, and best dressed girls in the

world, and not pare down your expenses

too savingly. A college education counts

for much, but it has a powerful rival in the fine feathers which make fine birds,

at fashionable functions.

7. Question—I was much interested in your letter of last week to an army "Country Bumpkin." I am a navy country bumpkin, and the same questions that troubled your army friend trouble me. But, thanks to your advice to him, I have made my call at the White House. I imagined that you made too little of it, and it would be more of an ordeal, but it was exactly as you said. Now I am writing to ask you to persuade the authorities to issue a social manual to all the young officers who are appointed from civil life, for, without a

of seeking to develop social swells into whether a man was ever appointed to am very glad my letter to the army counyou may ask me.

8. Question—Is it correct for a gentle shake hands with a lady with his glove on? Answer-It is frequently done, but it s not good form. It is perfectly unpardonable, however, for a man to shake the ungloved hand of a woman with his gloved hand. Of course you know that the custom for a man to unglove his hand when taking that of a lady dates back to those early times when men wore iron gloves, the pressure of which

would have been painful. 9. Question-In giving a large ball, is it missible to invite people to your house on whom you have never called? This is often done in London, but I am ignorant regarding the custom here. Answer-No; you cannot invite any for the host to stand with his wife, or one to your house until you have first caled upon him.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. Of all the excuses in the list, the excuse that "he was drunk when he did it"

A SUNDAY TALK.

It is curious to consider how often we twist certain maxims that have become a part of our very language around to our own hurt. I have in mind that axiom "Blessed is he that expecteth little," which many of us love to mouth with a rate, poisoners at long range—these last grim smile that gives our hearts the lie, are gentlemen of good breeding, who for we know we have expected much! And in very truth it is right that we should expect much, should fix our aspirations high, and not blindly reach the drugs used by the sick. And so the selves with care and patience and knowledge to be fit for what we expect, if by short range virtues; a captain of preda-

then does not a man strike into a road and lose it gain! How often are we not turned aside from one oint which we had sharply before our eyes, but nly to reach some higher stage! The traveler, to its greatest annoyance, breaks a wheel upon his ourney, and through this unpleasant accident makes with the public because of private virtues. It is advantageous to the coal ne charming acquaintance, and forms some new nection, which has influence on all his life.

In summing up the possibilities for form. You should have a number of which Henley speaks and which he en-Christmas entertainment the Christmas white blouses to wear with this suit, the dured so bravely, is likely to fasten itself upon any of us at any time. When it lice. Men learn to respect the rights they comes God grant that we may not wince, | find they cannot trample on with in nor cry aloud, but bear our disappoint- punity.

said that the Americans are the most melancholy feasters in the world.

The Christmas disperse disperse disperse and the first manufacture is christmas Eve, and every candle on its branching boughs.

The Christmas disperse disperse disperse a more pride comes to our aid and begs us bear look after. Consequently, it generally deshould be lighted before the doors are opened to the throng of expectant little our hearts be bleeding indeed. Pride in wave of feeling rising and subsiding. ones. Even then, with the tree before dress" you should have a plain, tailor such a case is one of the choicest gifts them in all its promise and glory, Germade suit for shopping and rainy days. of our nature—when it impels us to hide man children are expected to make little For the evening your wardrobe should our own hurts and not to hurt others by whining out our sorry tale In thinking thus my mind is far from

disappointment expressed in Macbeth that makes a man in tremulous wo

My way of life
Is fall'n into the sear, the yellow leaf;
And that which should accompany old age,
As honor, love, obedience, troops of friends,
I must not look to have—

For that implies gross carelessness, or worse, and not real disappointment. Surely a man need not be disappointed if he sows dragon's teeth and reaps disasterthat was to be expected. To sow kindness and to reap unkindness; to sow love and to garner hate-these are the real disappointments against which no care or prayer on our part will avail, but are, in very truth, but the outcome of our frail human nature.

If it were not so, then life would be a set thing, bounden by rigid rules-so much love given, se much due in return; so much revenge sought; so much hatred to be paid, and then, indeed, we might darkness, no one can tell how far. ive by rote and blame no one but our selves for our unhappiness. But the virtue lies in realizing that in spite of all that we may do to deserve we may never reap the reward, and in cultivating the spirit that will meet the most grievous disappointment and face it down with a augh so that we may profit by it. And, as Kingsley says, these things—disapcointments-are they not given to us to

which should mark the day, and nothing is more enjoyable to those who ride than a gallop across country after a fox, or fol
one can keep Christmas well who concerns himself solely with his very own. If he would have a real Christmas he must make it by helping the suffering to the society must obey them without protest. This matter of chaperonage is a the earth; but the brave man will great the earth; but the brave and disappointment may be some sin or danger, disappointment may be some sin or danger, disappointment may be some sin or danger. to take a step lest he shall fall into the unseen with a cheer," taste of disappointment with rare gusto as if it were the very salt of life, and on to his selfappointed tasks and hopes with a highbeating heart and an appetite for large fortunes or establish a graduated succes-

CONGRESS AND THE TARIFF.

Is That Body Out of Touch with Publie Opinion?

From the Portland Oregonian Congress ought to begin decisive action this winter looking to the revision of the have to accept them, willingly or unwilltariff downward, but in all probability ingly, and will gradually find that the who are appointed from civil life, for, without a course at Annapolis or West Point, there are many little things that these men don't know. I say little things that these men don't know. I say little things, but these social questions are the greatest ones I have ever had to deal with, and a as a rule prolonged until there is barely important the rest of rests for inner, and—here a word—let no one doff his pink coat to don evening clothers, for hunter's pink and the rest of the rest of the rest of the rest in stinctive feeling for what the people dethe production and exchange of wealth. Sire. If the Republican party loses the The cause of panics is the abuse of credit. Answer-Unhappily, The Arbiter can aid stead of brave and stalwart officers (!). hext Presidential election the leaders may be legislative thank in large part their fatuous clinging volume of money by legislative next Presidential election the leaders may To increase or diminish arbitrarily the This sentimental parasite should hang you but little in your mad quest after and talk is just what these establishto to the monstrous wrongs of Dingleyism. ment is a recourse to the old fallacy of and in those cozy corners the thoughtful rich but foolish young men who bombard they seek to avoid. I understand that for the benefit of the trusts. They are The people are tired of being exploited flat money. lies for the sake of passing one dollar From the Boston Transcript.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

THE EXILE.

When I have drunk the wine? How should I take the grass to wife, When Swet Red Rose is mine? Or, having danced the saraband Within the palace gate, And bent above the young queen's hand

In stolen tete-a-tete, How should I stoop to meaner joy, Carousing at the inn-A barmaid for my vulgar toy,

Nay-standing at the palace gate, As any beggar might, I'll sing my love song as I wait Into the lonely night.

Perchance an echo of my voice May find its way within, And help her to some queenly choice Where else a doubt had been.

While in some full of music there -Frederick Truesdell, in Appleton Magazine LONG-RANGE SINNERS.

Dr. Felix Adler's Analysis of Our Public Unrighteousness,

From an address by Dr. Felix Adler. Robbers at long range, franchise stealers, directors who loan money to one anwear clean linen, who move in the best society, yet they are poisoners, since they adulterate the food we eat, or worse still, ugly list swells.

I think that it does not matter how he is the head of a railroad which, actory wealth you consider a monster, since cording to statistics, kills every year one are doomed to disappointment, and we in twenty-six of its employes; but he is one, served at small tables, and should it is really remarkable how few clothes speak of that, too, as if it were wholly not a monster; he is a kind father and husband; he has exquisite taste, is a Why, it is quite true what Goethe says, lover of flowers, an art connoisseur. When you learn this you say he is not All men are disappointed in their hopes and expectations. Is life calculated only by its gains and sosses? Who has not seen them broken in pieces? How

virtues. It is advantageous to the capitalists to stop their crimes. Some men gloves are no longer regarded as necessary, and a light shade of pearl or tan is more serviceable and quite as good is more serviceable and quite as good cumstance, and "the fell clutch," of be built up between their territory and It matters not how a man may plan his of overwhelming individuality expand and

Force is one method of teaching jus

opinion, which is a triffe overworked and is in danger of becoming lunatic opinion.

We must get to the root of the public unrighteousness, which is in you and me What is the root? Greed, not of the miser, but the desire for luxuries. good living, palatial homes, ostentation, the obeisances of footmen. I passed on niserable hour with one who is behind the scenes in political life. I was aghast at the story he told. Leaving him, I went up Fifth avenue and saw the pomp that swept by me. This is the cause of the olitical doings that disgusted me, for this glitter and brilliance, fo gain a place in this Vanity Fair, laws are made merchandise and men are slaughtered on ailroads, and poisoned foods are sold. The task of public reformation is long and weary, and the outlook will often oright thought in which we can always which will always hearten us, there i he reformation of the world, and that o, at once. Take the candle of the Lord, which we can light in ourselves shedding its light into the surrounding

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

Probably Take.

We believe that the extreme reluctance to take any such step is due to a cause which is the origin of half the difficulties in American politics-the great jealousy of the power of the Federal governmen which has marked the entire history of made us better, more useful, more worthy. We may have been disappointed in our lofty ideas of what we ought to have done, but we may have gained more clear and practical notions of what can be more clear and practical notions of what can be we ought to have done, but we may have gained more clear and practical notions of what can be done. We may have lost in enthusiasm, and yet gained in earnestness. We may have lost in sensibility, yet gained in charity, activity, and power. We may be able to do far fless, and yet what we do may be far better done. And our very griefs and the proposition to Mr. Roosevelt's policies, but which the people are slowly, being forced by their development to give up. They want their Union to be a great nation, and must discussion to mr. Roosevelt's policies, but which the people are slowly, being forced by their development to give up. They want their Union to be a great nation, and must develop the proposition to Mr. Roosevelt's policies, but which the people are slowly, being forced by their development to give up. They want their upon the proposition to Mr. Roosevelt's policies, but which the people are slowly, being forced by their development to give up. They want their upon the proposition to Mr. Roosevelt's policies, but which the people are slowly, being forced by their development to give up. ntly invest the Federal governitary,' and financial-which every other the whole lot cost more'n \$210. Let me eyes, looks out upon the world, and fears great nation possesses. "o do this completely they may be compelled to revise the Constitution; but andoubtedly. the same time, they must in lowever, reluctantly agree to that reduction of local independences. They did it n the civil war when they authorized ver they limit the extent of individual sion duty and they must do it whene

any emergency the nation is compelled suddenly to put forth its national strength. The reluctance is natural enough, for a million of men have died o preserve the Constitution as it is but Providence has passed no law exempting Americans from the pressure of events or the operation of necessities. They will

One-man Power in Finance.

What would have happened in the re cent crisis, for example, if we had had a Secretary who had strangely seen fit to call in the Government deposits? There It is now a fashionable opinion that is no limit to the panic that he might regular pedestrianism tends to health have thus produced. Nor would it have From the Southern Workman. been desirable to have a Secretary who pend on one person's point of view.

Practical Remedy for Hazing.

From the Indianapolis Star. any urgency of the faculty. A band of vestment of between \$4,500,000 and \$5,000,sophomores undertook to haze two Kentucky freshmen, with the ominous name individual negro property holder in the largest indi of Hatfield. The Hatfields drew bowie knives and got right into the game. Now the sophomore class looks as if it had the sophomore class looks as it is not l

From the Nashville Tennessean.

impression that the Republicans have financially interested in many of the our opinion, than the dangers of a hard not stolen any tariff thunder from the business and industrial movements and limited bureaucracy applying me-

Maria's Midnight Lectures.

LECTURE NO. 18.

"Doing your Christmas shopping early! chorus girl in America has just diec Well, that's no reason you should stay out until all hours of the night, is it? I've been needing you so much. I had Miss Sampson, next door, telephoning all over for you. Little Haley went and got lost. He saw ex-Senator Stewart, of Nevada, going down the street and he followed him, thinking, it was Santa Claus. I don't know where-all the boy went, but he couldn't find his way home and a policeman picked him up. Just think of it, Job, your only son in a police station-and at his age! Ain't you ashamed. A nice sort of a father you are! Poor boy; he's cried himself to sleep.

"Say, Job, you know you always give me some nice book for Christmas. Last year, do you remember, you gave me The Pilgrim's Scrip.' I couldn't understand it all, but I thought it was real nice, even if it was a second-hand copy. Do you mind if I tell you what I want this year? I want either a copy of 'Lizzie, the Leech,' by Mr. John Corwen, or else 'Floating Florence,' by Louis Coolidge. I read some chapters from them in 'The Big Stick,' and I saw the author of "Floating Florence' in a Georgetown street car the other day. He's got such a nicelooking face, and he looks real young to be such a famous author.

"That's right, Job. do make vourself comfortable so's I can have a fine chat with you. I do so love to have you all to myself on Saturday nights and listen to your fine conversation, even if you do fall asleep talking sometimes. Do you know, dear, I've been looking over the papers while waiting for you and there's a whole lot of things I want to ask you about. Did you see where a poor Philadelphia woman has had to sue the doctors of a hospital to make them give back her husband's brain. Yes, of course, he's dead, and they held an bequest on him and took out his brain, and now his wife wants it back. I don't know what he died of, but I do hope that when you die, Job, it won't be of anything that'll need a coroner come poking around in your head. I'd hate for people to know how little brains you have, dearest, and me living with you and standing it as best I could for all these years. There's one thing, though, if I sued 'em for your brains I bet they'd have a hard time answering the suit. Now, don't get angry, Job; you know what I mean! "I see there's a minister out West

who says he won't accept any coins dropped in the contribution plate unless they have the 'In God we trust' motto on them just as if one coin isn't as good as another to pay a minister's salary in. Most people I know'd be glad to get any old kind of coin. I saw one of them new twenty-dollar gold pieces in a jeweler's window the other day, and I think the idea of that big eagle flying away is fine. That's just the way money flies away from us, ain't it. Job?

"And some people have so much money I see where they arrested a woman-a singer-in New York for bringing in \$10,000 worth of dresses, and she said they were all her own, for her own wear. How in the world she ever expects to wear them I can't think. I remember when we were married, Job. I had more clothes then than I ever nent with the powers-international, mil- had before or since, and I don't think see, there was my blue traveling gown, my white party dress, that pink tulle. and-do you remember that nice black alpaca that Aunt Ginny gave me?-andoh, well, I can't remember 'em all, and I know it was an awful bother having so many and not knowing which to put on; not to speak of all that beautiful lingery that Ma made for me! Ah, those were happy days!

"I was thinking this evening as I read the paper about the time you was sick, Job, afore we were married, and how I nursed you. I was reminded of it by a story how a woman who nursed a poor sick peddler has just been left \$75,000 by the old man. Wasn't that grand? Maybe if you hadn't married me but had gone out into the world you might have made a lot of money and left it to me in gratitude-for you was awful sick, Job. Not that gratitude was ever one of your strong points, my dear; you never even thanked me last week for darning all those socks for you! I saw an advertisement in The Washington Herald to-day of a firm that sells three pairs of socks for a dollar, and guarantees that you can't wear a hole in 'em in six months: if you do, they send you another pair. I wished you'd get some of them when you get the money. Maybe I'll buy you some for Christmas, and I guess I'll get some for Emily, too; she's all the time sticking her big toe through. and it just keeps me mending. Oh, you needn't grunt, Job-you do what I tell you. Didn't you see what Gov. Glenn, of North Carolina, said-no, not what he said to the governor of South Carolina; you're always thinking of something to drink-he said in a public lecture that men should always listen to their wives. I wish you'd take it to heart, and not go to thinking about falling asleep the minute I begin to indulge in a little irrational conversation with you. There's that Pittsburg man who died the other day and leaves the pretty stenographer in his office \$100,000. I'll bet he'd never have done anything like that if he'd listened to his wife.

"Speaking about Pittsburg millionaires, I see that once more the oldest Cat's breathing, indeed!"

among the negroes of the city.

They don't state her age, though. I've often wondered, haven't you, how old schorus girls get to be before they die. I know I've seen some of 'em on the stage that look as if they were a hundred and dance as if they had the rheumatiz, but I don't see how they can live that long, painting their faces and associating with-I mean eating lobsters every night. I think the Census Bureau might find out, don't you? "Say, Job, have you any money to spare? I want some awful bad; there's

two sales next week that I want to go to. One's the rummage sale for the benefit of some hospital, and I'm just sure I could pick up some lovely bargains there. Do you remember the beautiful bird cage I bought at a rummage sale once? It had belonged to Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish once, so the woman said. Of course, we didn't have any bird, but we might have bought one, and anyway it did nicely for little Emily to play with when she was a baby, and then for a long time I used it for a bread box. The other sale's at the post-office, where they're going to sell off a whole lot of dead letters. I would so leve to buy some. You never can tell what you're going to get, Job. Just think for about a dollar you might buy a letter with all sorts of money in it: and even if you didn't you might get a letter containing some important secrets. I just think it's lots of fun to read somebody else's letters, don't you? I remember once when Miss Halsey wrote me a letter and at the same time she wrote another to her sister, and she got the envelopes mixed so's I got the letter intended for her sister. It was so interesting. She spoke about me in the letter and said I was a 'gabby old thing.' Of course, I didn't mind that much, because I knew it was just jealousy-Miss Halsey never could talk properly-but she also told her sister that my black bombazine that I'd bought new that spring-I bought it with the money I got for selling ma's planola-had been turned so often that when I put it on I didn't know whether I was walking backward or forward. I tell you that made me mad, and the worst of it was I didn't dare say anything about it for the longest time. But I just played the same trick, and I sent her a letter, supposed to be written to my uncle, and I tell you I scorched her! That's why I'd like to go to this rummage sale at the post-office and take a

chance. Let's do it, will we, Job? "I see that Tom Taggart was in town this week. I hear he stopped at the New Willard, and when they brought him his bill he told them that he was a hotelkeeper, too, and asked if he wasn't entitled to a discount. Of course they allowed it to him. Then he told them he was chairman of the Democrats, and they gave him a discount for that; then he showed them a card about some mineral water he was selling, and they gave him a discount for that; and then he told them how many times he'd been mayor of Indianapolis and they gave him a discount for that. I think when they figured it all up the hotel owed him about \$20, and he took it back with him to Indiana. I tell you,

it's pretty hard to beat those Hoosiers "And so the fleet's a-going to sail to Japs ashore. I don't blame 'em with all these spies around making drawings of our cooking utensils and finding out what it is we feed our sailors that makes them shoot so straight. I can't hardly believe yet that Capt. Hobson isn't going with them; I don't see how they ever hope to get around the Horn without him! Oh, Job, did you see who they'd elected Attorney General of Texas-a Mr. Looney. I wonder if he's any relation to Clem Looney, of Hagerstown, that cousin of yours who went crazy, so that people used to say, he was Looney by name and luney by na-

"Did you see that the papers say that King Alfonso of Spain is henpecked by his wife? I should think a king might be free of that with all his other troubles. Arn't you glad that you were never henpecked. Job? I saw an article in The Washington Herald the other day 'at said that too much money was harmful to the American woman; you can lay it to your conscience, Job, that you never did me no harm that way, can't you? What's that? No, Job, please don't go to sleep, I've got such lots to tell you. I want to talk to you about Mr. Roosevelt's wonderful self-abnegation in not running for a third term; no wonder he can afford to treat himself to a 'possum dinner at Christmast time. And, say, Job, what do you think about Mr. Bryan now, going off on a hunting trip? wonder if he thinks a man can't be elected President unless he hunts for it.

"Wake up, Job! Listen, I want you tell me what you think about these women poetesses-that one you know that wrote "It is pleasant to die for those we love.' If she'd have known you she'd have written it 'It is pleasant to sleep.' I never did see such a sleepyhead-and Elia Wheeler Wilcox says that her verses are read by lots of lunaties-thank heaven I never read any of 'em. Job, listen to little Emily breathing hard. I'm sure that child's going to have the croup, and we'll have to give her a mustard bath and not a bit of mustard in the house. Get up, will you, Job, and see weat's the matter. The cat! It's not the cat! Comparing your own flesh and blood to an animal's. As if I didn't know Emily's breathing! Oh, well, I suppose I'll have to go myself.

Social Awakening. Bishop Gore, Birmingham, Eng.

There is now a movement of the waters, The negroes of Philadelphia own 802 would have gone any further, to say the pieces of property, valued at \$2,438,675, an awakening of the mass of the people least, in measures of infiation than Sec- which is an average of about \$3,040 each. to secure better conditions and more equal retary Cortelyou proposed. Some Sec. The largest number of properties are opportunity. As they gain power I do not retaries might be afraid politically, on ac- valued between \$1,000 and \$3,000, and doubt that they will make mistakes as count of socialistic murmuring, to do nearly three-fourths of them are \$3,000 grave as have been made in the past by what they deemed their duty in such an and under. The highest single valuation aristocracles and churches and by the emergency. So much ought not to de- is \$28,000, and the lowest a lot for \$75. midd's class. But there is nothing in the Though the assessed valuation is sup- world which ought at this moment, in posed to approximate as nearly as pos- my judgment, to stir the imagination and sible the real value of the property, still, excite the sympathies of Christians so Hazing has been discontinued at Wes- after careful comparison, I am of the much as this movement for fundamental leyan Coilege, West Virginia, without opinion that the above represents an in- reform of social conditions.

knives and got right into the game. Now the sophomore class looks as if it had encountered a shredding machine, and some of its members have gone home to stay, completely educated.

One Rig Issue Left.

City houses, assessed at from \$9,000 to \$18,000, and owns property also in New Jersey and Virginia. He was born in Virginia of slave parents, and came to Pennsylvania after he was twenty-one which has made the British empire, and whatever dangers there may be from years old. He has steadily built up a good business and amassed a large ignorant idealists or vote-catching dem-The President's message confirms the amount of real estate, beside being agogues, they are immeasurably less, in mpression that the Republicans have financially interested in many of the our opinion, than the dangers of a hard chanical ideas of ascendency.